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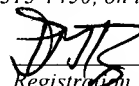
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Mail Stop APPEAL BRIEF-PATENTS
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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a communication regarding the above-identified application.

- (X) Reply Brief (in triplicate).
- (X) The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required to this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 07-2069. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 07-2069. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
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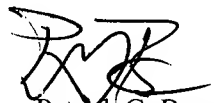
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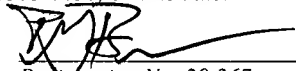
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REPLY BRIEF

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Answer mailed May 21, 2007, please consider
the following reply:

ARGUMENT

In paragraph 10 of the Examiner's Answer, entitled "Response to Argument", the Examiner argues that a "relay" is a servomotor so the relay in Pfenning is in the same field of endeavor as the vibrator motor of the instant application. Also, the Examiner equates "interlocking" with "locked together". Both of these assertions are misplaced, and will be addressed in this Reply Brief.

The field of endeavor in the present invention is a vibrator motor. Vibrator motors are designed to operate continuously, at relatively high speeds. In contrast, a relay is typically not designed for continuous operation, and does not operate at high speed in the manner of a vibrator motor. For these reasons, the relay in Pfenning is not in the same field of endeavor as the vibrator motor of the instant application.

The claims of the present invention clearly define that the laminations themselves are interlocked, not that they are merely locked together. The Examiner's reliance on the hinge of Soultanian to show interlocking is misplaced, because moving and stationary laminations are locked together through a series of other parts, but are not themselves interlocked, as in the present invention.

For these reasons, applicants respectfully request reversal of the outstanding rejections, with instructions to allow this application.

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